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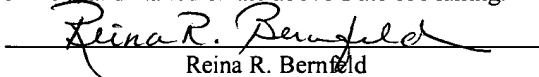
In re Application of: Alfredo Garcia
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Title: METHOD FOR FINANCING THE ACQUISITION OF AN ASSET
FOR MEMBERS OF A GROUP

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Reina R. Bernfield

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the Application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following paragraph:

-- CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims the benefit of priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/450,776 filed February 28, 2003 and claims the benefit of priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/469,549 filed May 9, 2003. --

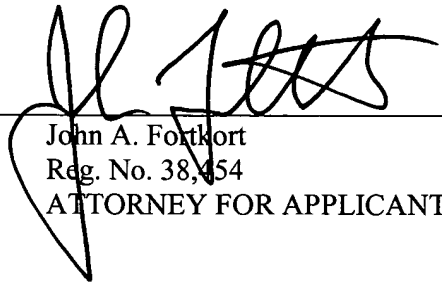
Should the Examiner have any questions or desire clarification of any sort, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below. Please reference Attorney Docket No. GRCA001US0.

While Applicant believes no fee is due with the transmission of this Preliminary Amendment, if any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-2726 of Fortkort Grether + Kelton LLP.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: October 5, 2004

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